

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning at Page 5, Line 20:

Those skilled in the art will recognize that this particular type of actuator (as well as other described elements, even if not explicitly stated) is not an essential element of the present invention. For example, the present invention may be practiced with alternate actuators, depending on the type of biasing member (e.g., pneumatic, hydraulic, mechanical, magnetic, etc.) used. Such biasing members provide a means for continuously pushing said lower leg engaging means and said foot engaging means in opposite directions. Further, in particular embodiments of the invention, this element may be omitted, for example, by providing an elastic biasing member that is compressed during application of the leg engaging apparatus and/or the foot engaging apparatus.